

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 20, 23, 29, 37, 57, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph noted in number of antecedent basis issues which have been overcome by this amendment. Claims 1 and 20, 29, and 55 have been cancelled. Claims 23, 37, and 58 have been amended to provide antecedent basis. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable claims and allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 7, 8, 15, and 19 have been canceled, and canceled claims 4-6, 9-13, 16-18, and 20 have been re-written as new claims depending on independent claim 23. Claims 29, 32 and 33 have been cancelled, and canceled claims 30, 31, and 34-36 have been re-written as new claims depending on claim 37. Claim 55 is canceled, and canceled claims 56 and 57 have been re-written as new claims depending on claim 37. With these amendments, it is believed that the Examiner's prior rejections are moot and that all claims should now be allowed.


Regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance, Applicant agrees that the combination of features recited in each of the independent claims is patentable. To the extent the Examiner's reasons for allowance are inconsistent with or add additional limitations to the claims, Applicant respectfully disagrees because the claims define the invention.

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The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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